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SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS

FOR SAUNDERS FROM ATHERTON

1. SECRETARY MAY BE INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING FBIS ITEM
QUOTING AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE ON SUBJECT OF POSTPONEMENT
WE WORKED OUT WITH CONGRESS FOR HAWK SALE.

2. QUOTE: PREMIER ZAYD AR-RIFA'I HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO THE DECISION OF THE SENATE
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO POSTPONE THE VOTE ON THE
SALE OF U.S. MISSILES TO JORDAN UNTIL AFTER THE U.S.
CONGRESSIONAL SUMMER RECESS, WHICH LASTS THROUGH AUGUST.
THE DECISION WAS REACHED AFTER ISRAELI SUPPORTERS IN
CONGRESS FAILED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO GET THE DEAL CANCELLED.

THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WILL VOTE ON THE
DEAL WHEN THE SENATE RESUMES WORK THE FIRST WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER.

AR-RIFA'I ADDED: IT IS KNOWN THAT THE ZIONIST ATTEMPTS
WERE AIMED AT CANCELLATION OF THE ;ENTIRE DEAL OR AT
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LEAST A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF THE BATTERIES OF MODERN

HAWK MISSILES FROM 14 TO 6. HOWEVER, HIS MAJESTY KING
HUSAYN'S COURAGEOUS STAND REJECTING ANY COMPROMISE AND
INSISTING THAT THE DEAL BE IMPLEMENTED IN FULL PREVENTED
THIS. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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